
VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

United States Department of the Interior

BIRD SIGHTINGS LIST

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This list is based on field studies conducted by the Ranger staff at Valley Forge National Historical Park, members of Valley Forge Audubon Society, and volunteers. As of June 1996, 216 bird species have been observed in the park.

The order of birds in this list is based upon the American Birding Association ABA Checklist, Birds of the Continental United States and Canada, Fifth Edition 1996.

HOW TO USE THIS LIST

The attached map divides the park into 26 location zones. Any bird that you may observe may be checked off by circling the appropriate season and by indicating the location zone number next to each bird species.

BIRDING HOT SPOTS

Particularly good areas to watch birds are the top of Mount Joy (Zone 5), along the Valley Creek Trail (Zone 25), and along the Schuylkill River Trail system zones (see map).

SHARING INFORMATION

We encourage you to share your completed list with the Ranger staff in order that we may have this information to update our data; telephone number (610) 783-1060.

KEY

* = has bred in the park

? = may breed in park

(-) = decline in sightings

(+) = increase in sightings

Sp = Spring (March -May)

S = Summer (June--August)

F = Fall (late August--November)

W = Winter (December--February)

C = Common - should see in season and habitat

U = Uncommon - may see in season and habitat

O = Occasional - probably here in season and habitat, but hard to find

R = Rare - not seen every year

X = Only one record

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	<u>Sp</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>W</u>
Common Loon	O		O	R
Pied-billed Grebe	O	R	O	R
Horned Grebe	R		R	R
Red-necked Grebe				R
Double-crested Cormorant	U			
American Bittern	X			
Great Blue Heron	O	U	U	U
Great Egret		R		
Snowy Egret		R		
Little Blue Heron	R	R	R	
Cattle Egret	X			
Green Heron	U	C	U	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	R		R	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron			X	
Glossy Ibis		X		
Tundra Swan				X
Mute Swan				R
Greater White-fronted Goose				X
Snow Goose	R		R	O
Canada Goose*	C	C	C	C
Wood Duck*	O	R	O	R
Green-winged Teal	R			R
American Black Duck*	U	R	U	C
Mallard*	C	C	C	C
Northern Pintail	R		R	R
Blue-winged Teal	R		R	
Gadwall	R		R	
American Wigeon	R		R	R
Canvasback	R		R	R
Redhead	R	R		R
Ring-necked Duck	U		R	U
Greater Scaup	U		U	R
Lesser Scaup	U		U	R
Oldsquaw				X
White-winged Scoter				X
Common Goldeneye	U		U	C
Bufflehead	C		O	C
Hooded Merganser	R		R	U
Common Merganser	U		R	C
Red-breasted Merganser				R
Ruddy Duck			R	R

Black Vulture (+)
 Turkey Vulture
 Osprey
 Bald Eagle
 Northern Harrier
 Sharp-shinned Hawk (-)
 Cooper's Hawk* (-)
 Northern Goshawk
 Red-shouldered Hawk
 Broad-winged Hawk?
 Red-tailed Hawk*
 Golden Eagle
 American Kestrel*
 Merlin
 Peregrine Falcon
 Ring-necked Pheasant (-)
 Ruffed Grouse
 Wild Turkey
 Northern Bobwhite (-)
 American Coot
 Semipalmated Plover
 Killdeer*
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Lesser Yellowlegs
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Spotted Sandpiper
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
 Least Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
 Common Snipe
 American Woodcock
 Laughing Gull
 Bonaparte's Gull
 Ring-billed Gull
 Herring Gull
 Great Black-backed Gull
 Rock Dove*
 Mourning Dove*
 Black-billed Cuckoo* (-)
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo*

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U	U	U	R
C	C	C	U
O		O	R
R		R	R
R		R	R
O	O	U	R
R	R	R	R
		R	
R		R	R
U	O	U	
C	O	C	C
		X	
C	C	C	U
			X
R		R	
R	R	R	
			X
U	U	U	U
R	R	R	R
O		R	
R	U	C	O
C	R	R	
R		R	
O	R	R	
C	O	O	
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C		U	C
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C	C	C	
C	C	C	C
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U	O	U	

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	Sp	S	F	W		Sp	S	F	W
Barn Owl	R	R	R	R	Carolina Wren* (-)	U	U	O	R
Eastern Screech-Owl*	U	U	U	U	House Wren*	C	C	U	R
Great Horned Owl*	O	O	O	O	Winter Wren	U		O	R
Barred Owl	R	R	R	R	Golden-crowned Kinglet	U		U	O
Long-eared Owl	R				Ruby-crowned Kinglet	C		U	R
Common Nighthawk	R		R		Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	U	U	U	
Chimney Swift*	C	C	C		Eastern Bluebird* (+)	U	U	U	U
Ruby-throated Hummingbird?	O	O	O		Veery*	C	C	C	
Belted Kingfisher*	C	U	U	C	Gray-cheeked Thrush	R		R	
Red-headed Woodpecker	X				Swainson's Thrush	U		U	
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	Hermit Thrush	U		U	R
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	O		O	U	Wood Thrush*	C	C	C	
Downy Woodpecker*	C	C	C	C	American Robin* (+)	C	C	C	C
Hairy Woodpecker*	O	O	O	O	Gray Catbird* (+)	C	C	C	R
Northern Flicker*	C	C	C	C	Northern Mockingbird*	C	C	C	U
Pileated Woodpecker?	O	R	R	R	Brown Thrasher*	U	U	U	R
Olive-sided Flycatcher			R		American Pipit	X			
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	C	C	C		Cedar Waxwing?	U	O	U	R
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher			R		European Starling* (+)	C	C	C	C
Acadian Flycatcher*	U	U	U		White-eyed Vireo*	U	U	U	
Willow Flycatcher	R				Solitary Vireo	O		U	
Least Flycatcher (-)	R		R		Yellow-throated Vireo*	O	O	O	
Eastern Phoebe*	C	C	C	R	Warbling Vireo*	U	U	O	
Great Crested Flycatcher?	C	C	U		Philadelphia Vireo (-)	R		R	
Eastern Kingbird*	C	C	U		Red-eyed Vireo*	C	C	C	
Purple Martin	R	R			Blue-winged Warbler*	U	U	U	
Tree Swallow*	C	O	U		Golden-winged Warbler	R		R	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	O	O	O		Tennessee Warbler (-)	R		R	
Bank Swallow	R		R		Orange-crowned Warbler	R		R	R
Cliff Swallow	R		R		Nashville Warbler (-)	R		R	
Barn Swallow*	C	C	U		Northern Parula*	U	U	R	
Blue Jay*	C	C	C	C	Yellow Warbler*	U	U	U	
American Crow*	C	C	C	C	Chestnut-sided Warbler?	U	R	U	
Fish Crow	O	R	O	R	Magnolia Warbler (-)	U	R	U	
Black-capped Chickadee	O		O	O	Cape May Warbler (-)	R		R	
Carolina Chickadee*	C	C	C	C	Black-throated Blue Warbler (-)	U		U	
Tufted Titmouse*	C	C	C	C	Yellow-rumped Warbler	C		C	O
Red-breasted Nuthatch	O		O	R	Black-throated Green Warbler (-)	U		U	
White-breasted Nuthatch*	C	C	C	U	Blackburnian Warbler (-)	U		U	
Brown Creeper	U		U	O	Yellow-throated Warbler*	U	U	R	
					Pine Warbler	U		R	

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Prairie Warbler*	U	O	R	
Palm Warbler	U		O	
Bay-breasted Warbler (-)	R		R	
Blackpoll Warbler	O		O	
Cerulean Warbler? (-)			R	R
Black-and-White Warbler*	C	U	C	
American Redstart*	C	O	C	
Prothonotary Warbler	R			
Worm-eating Warbler*	U	U	U	
Ovenbird*	C	C	U	
Northern Waterthrush (-)	R		R	
Louisiana Waterthrush*	O	R	R	
Kentucky Warbler*	U	U	O	
Connecticut Warbler			R	
Mourning Warbler	R		R	
Common Yellowthroat*	C	C	C	
Hooded Warbler?	R	R	R	
Wilson's Warbler	R		O	
Canada Warbler	U		U	
Yellow-breasted Chat?	O	O	R	
Scarlet Tanager*	C	C	C	
Northern Cardinal*	C	C	C	C
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	C	O	C	
Blue Grosbeak?	R	R		
Indigo Bunting*	C	C	U	
Dickcissel			X	
Eastern Towhee* (+)	C	C	C	R
American Tree Sparrow	O		O	O
Chipping Sparrow*	C	U	U	
Field Sparrow*	C	C	C	U
Savannah Sparrow	O		O	
Fox Sparrow (-)	R		R	
Song Sparrow*	C	C	C	C
Lincoln's Sparrow			R	
Swamp Sparrow	O		O	R
White-throated Sparrow	C		C	C
White-crowned Sparrow	R		R	R
Dark-eyed Junco	C		C	C
Bobolink*	U	U	R	
Red-winged Blackbird*	C	C	C	R

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Eastern Meadowlark* (+)	O	O	O	O
Rusty Blackbird	R		R	R
Common Grackle*	C	C	C	R
Brown-headed Cowbird* (+)	C	C	C	R
Orchard Oriole*	U	O	R	
Baltimore Oriole* (+)	C	C	C	
Pine Grosbeak				X
Purple Finch (-)	U		U	O
House Finch*	C	C	C	C
Common Redpoll	R			R
Pine Siskin	R			O
American Goldfinch*	C	C	C	U
Evening Grosbeak	R			R
House Sparrow*	O	O	O	R

